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(SBU) Ambassador made reftel demarche to Foreign Affairs Permanent Secretary, Bai Ousman Secka, informing him of the new U.S. sanctions imposed on Sudan, involving three individuals and 31 Sudanese government-owned or controlled companies, due to the lack of progress on Darfur. Ambassador stressed that we were confident that sanctions would bolster, not hinder, the international community's efforts to achieve progress in Darfur. He added that, if the GOS remained intransigent, we would be prepared to take more robust action, including increasingly stronger sanctions. Secka took note of Ambassador's presentation, but made no substantive comment.
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